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Summer forecast: Safer, sadder

St. Joseph Today cancels popular annual events due to virus

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — As COVID-19 limitations continue to prevent large gatherings, a number of popular St. Joseph summer events scheduled through August have been canceled.

On Tuesday, St. Joseph Today announced it was canceling all Brown Bag Concerts, Friday Night Concert Series, Chalk the Block, Antiques on the Bluff and the Lake Bluff Artisan Faire for the summer.

The opening of city's farmer's market has also been delayed, with the hopes to open as soon as possible.

"It seems phrases like 'with a heavy heart,' and 'a decision not made lightly' are being heard too often right now. But this was heartbreaking," said St. Joseph Today Executive Director Amy Zapal. "The health and safety of our visitors, residents and members is critical to St. Joseph Today. With the well-being of our community in mind, we have decided to cancel events scheduled to run May through August."

The discussion for pulling the plug on the annual events, which are predominantly held in downtown St. Joseph, began in mid-March when the coronavirus put a stranglehold on society.

Zapal said the best thing they can do is work with the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and Cornerstone Alliance as they look toward the rest of the year.

"We have so many moving parts for events like Chalk the Block. You have artists who come from all over the world and the country," Zapal said. "It takes advanced planning. Much like any large event, there is so much work that goes into it. Without travel plans, many of our artists stay here through host housing. It would be a kind thing to do, but with social distancing measures in place, I would hate to have anyone commit to something like that."

Chalk the Block was scheduled for July 31-Aug. 2.

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Nate Baranowski, of Chicago, works on a mural during the 2018 Chalk the Block in downtown St. Joseph. This year's Chalk the Block, scheduled for July 31-Aug. 2, has been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns, along with other popular summer events.

WATER WALKERS

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A gosling walks through a flooded section of the Paw Paw River recently in Benton Harbor.

Niles long-term care facility reports 22 COVID-19 cases

Berrien marks 20th death

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

NILES — A cluster of COVID-19 cases has been identified at West Woods of Niles, Berrien County Health Department officials confirmed Tuesday.

As of Monday, 22 residents there have tested positive for COVID-19. There have not been any COVID-related deaths at this facility at this time, according to health department spokesperson Gillian Conrad.

She said testing is ongoing there, as is the department's work with staff to ensure that they have the proper infection prevention education and personal protective equipment they need.

West Woods of Niles is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center and is required to report its number of COVID-19 cases to the state. There are eight such long-term care facilities in Berrien County.

One of those is Pine Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing in Stevensville, which has reported four cases.

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Virus-afflicted 2020 looks like 1918 despite science's march

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite a century's progress in science, 2020 is looking a lot like 1918.

In the years between two lethal pandemics, one the misnamed Spanish flu, the other COVID-19, the world learned about viruses, cured various diseases, made effective vaccines, developed instant communications and created elaborate public-health networks.

Yet here we are again, facemasked to the max. And still unable to crush an insidious yet avoidable infectious disease before hundreds of thousands die from it.

As in 1918, people are again hearing hollow assurances at odds with the reality of hospitals and morgues filling up and bank accounts draining. The ancient common sense of quarantining is back. So is quackery: Rub raw onions on your chest, they said in 1918. How about disinfectant in your veins now? mused President Donald Trump, drawing gasps instead of laughs over what he weakly tried to pass off as a joke.

In 1918, no one had a vaccine, treatment or cure for the great flu pandemic as it ravaged the world and killed more than 50 million people. No one has any of that for the coronavirus, either.

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A demonstration is observed at the Red Cross Emergency Ambulance Station in Washington, D.C., during the influenza pandemic of 1918.

Modern science quickly identified today's new coronavirus, mapped its genetic code and developed a diagnostic test, tapping knowledge no one had in 1918. That has given people more of a fighting chance to stay out of harm's way, at least in countries that deployed tests quickly, which the U.S. didn't.

But the ways to avoid getting sick and what to do when sick are little changed. The failure of U.S. presidents to take the threat seriously from the start also joins past to present.

Trump all but declared victory before infection took root in his country and he's delivered a stream of misinformation ever since. President Woodrow Wilson's principal failure was his silence.

Not once, historians say, did Wilson publicly speak about a disease that was killing Americans grotesquely and in huge numbers, even though he contracted it himself and was never the same after. Wilson fixated on America's parallel fight in World War I like "a dog with a bone," says John M. Barry, author of "The Great Influenza."

The suspected ground zero of the Spanish flu ranges from Kansas to China. But it was clear to U.S. officials even in 1918 that it didn't start in Spain.

The pandemic took on Spain's name only because its free press ambitiously reported the devastation in the disease's early 1918 wave while government officials and a

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Southwest Michigan Cares Fund raises nearly $900K

Money is for immediate needs, long-term recovery

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The local fund set up to help with emergency response and long-term recovery due to the coronavirus pandemic has raised nearly $900,000, as of May 1.

The Southwest Michigan Cares Fund, coordinated by the United Way of Southwest Michigan (UWSM) and Berrien Community Foundation (BCF), was set up March 25 to help aid nonprofits in meeting the basic needs of residents during this time.

"Families in our community are

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Among the other canceled events are the Lake Bluff Artisan Faire, set for May 30, Antiques on the Bluff – featuring June, July and August shows – the Wednesday Brown Bag Concerts that run June 24-Aug. 26, and the Friday Night Concert Series that runs June 19-Sept. 4.

"The intention of our events is to bring visitors out to enjoy our community," Zapal said. "As soon as you consider COVID-19, I believe that it is best to hold for a minute and do some back work to solidify us for the rest of the year."

Zapal said the responsibility for canceling the events rested on her shoulders. However, she said the organization's board was in support of the decision.

She said the opening date for the St. Joseph Farmer's Market has been delayed, with no definitive start date set.

"We are hoping to be able to safely reopen the market as soon as possible," she said. "Farmers markets were deemed an essential service. This would be a great way to support our local farmers. But we're looking to work with the city commission and the Berrien County Health Department. It might stretch it a little further and vendors might be farther apart than in the past."

As for the fall events, Zapal said they may need to make decisions months in advance.

"We want to it be as safe as we can. Gathering 4,000 people for a barbeque is a tricky thing to have approved," she said. "No matter how frustrating this is, we can get through this together. I'm so inspired by what our local businesses are doing to continue to support the community. I know we will be stronger for this."

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Another is Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor. The BCHD has reported a cluster of cases there, but the facility has yet to report its number of cases to the state.

Van Buren County's four facilities have not reported any cases, and Cass County's two facilities have also not reported any cases.

The state's data does not break down the number of residents that have recovered or have died at long-term care facilities.

In addition Tuesday, the BCHD reported the county's 20th death from COVID-19.

Berrien County also gained another 12 confirmed positive cases, bringing the county's total to 315 cases.

There are now 111 active cases, with 204 having already recovered from the virus. That's an addition of four active cases from Monday.

The county now has 174 presumed positive cases, a decrease of two from Monday.

In Van Buren County, there are now 69 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, a rise of 15 cases since Friday.

Cass County gained four cases since Friday, and is now up to 34 cases.

The counties still have two deaths a piece.

For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JD-5C-3S-4S-10S
Midday Daily 3
6-2-6
Midday Daily 4
2-9-2-5
Daily 3
2-0-6
Daily 4
1-5-5-2
Fantasy 5
01-11-13-20-34
Keno
04-09-15-21-22-23-27-32-40-42-43-44-46-48-53-66-67-69-71-72-73-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$215 million
Powerball jackpot
$59 million

Monday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
20-21-35-38-40
Estimated jackpot
$206,000
Cash4Life
04-11-30-31-46, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
09-10-15-20-30-31-33-35-36-37-39-40-47-59-60-63-65-72-75-80, BE: 31
Daily Three-Midday
6-9-1, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
7-2-5, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
1-9-6-6, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
9-1-3-1, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
05-06-16-17-21-26-32-37-43-44-46-48-52-56-57-62-65-67-72-79, BE: 5

Illinois

Lotto
06-12-16-30-41-47, Extra Shot: 24
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-22-26-32-39
Pick Three-Midday
2-2-1, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
9-2-5, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
6-5-6-7, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Evening
2-3-1-2, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
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1918

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complicit press in countries at war – the U.S. among them – played it down in a time of jingoism, censorship and denial.

Like COVID-19, the 1918 pandemic came from a respiratory virus that jumped from animals to people, was transmitted the same way, and had similar pathology, Barry said by email. Social distancing, hand-washing and masks were leading control measures then and now.

Medical advice from then also resonates today: "If you get it, stay at home, rest in bed, keep warm, drink hot drinks and stay quiet until the symptoms are past," said Dr. John Dill Robertson, Chicago health commissioner in 1918. "Then continue to be careful, for the greatest danger is from pneumonia or some kindred disease after the influenza is gone."

In the manner of the day, there just had to be a catchy rhyme in circulation, too: "Cover up each cough and sneeze. If you don't you'll spread disease."

But there were also marked differences between the viruses of 1918 and 2020. The Spanish flu was particularly dangerous to healthy people aged 20 to 40 – the prime generation of military service – paradoxically because of their vibrant immune systems.

When such people got infected, their antibodies went after the virus like soldiers spilling from the trenches of Europe's killing fields.

"The immune system was throwing every weapon it had at the virus," Barry said. "The battlefield was the lung. The lung was being destroyed in that battle."

Young soldiers and sailors massed at military camps in the U.S., sailed for Europe on ships stuffed to the gunwales with humanity, fought side by side in the trenches and came home in victory to adoring crowds. The toll was enormous, on them and the people they infected. The Spanish flu could just as easily have been called the U.S. Army or U.S. Navy flu instead. Or the German or British flu, for that matter.

Among those who died in the pandemic was Friedrich Trump, Donald Trump's paternal grandfather. Among those who contracted it and recovered were the wartime leaders of Britain and Germany as well as of the United States, British and Spanish kings and the future U.S. president, Franklin Roosevelt, when he was assistant Navy secretary.

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A nurse takes the pulse of a patient in the influenza ward of the Walter Reed hospital in Washington in 1918.

But the toll was heavier on average people and the poor, crowded in tenements, street cars and sweaty factories.

They could not all live by the words of the 1918 U.S. surgeon general, Rupert Blue: "Keep out of crowds and stuffy places as much as possible. ... The value of fresh air through open windows cannot be overemphasized. ... Make every possible effort to breath as much pure air as possible."

An estimated 675,000 Americans died in the pandemic, which is thought to have infected one-third of the global population. Tracking by Johns Hopkins University shows the continuing COVID-19 pandemic has killed more than 250,000 people globally, more than 68,000 in the United States.

Bad science

In 1918, the surgeon general noted in a handbill that "a person who has only a mild attack of the disease himself may give a very severe attack to others." The warning is just as applicable to the coronavirus, especially as scientists learned large numbers of people with COVID-19 may spread it despite no obvious symptoms. Exactly how often the new virus kills can't be determined without better counts of the infected; some estimates put the 1918 flu's death rate at 2.5 percent.

Blue's public notice also warned people to avoid charlatans and only get medicine from doctors.

Physicians, though, didn't always know what they were doing. Medical journals at the time describe a rash of unusual treatments, some in the league of Trump's amateur theories about disinfectant, blasts of lights and an unapproved drug that has both potential benefits and risks.

One 1918-era doctor recommended that people sniff a boric acid and sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) powder to rinse out nasal passages. Others prescribed quinine, strychnine and a poisonous garden plant called Digitalis to help circulation, as well as drugs derived from iodine for "internal disinfection," according to Laura Spinney, who wrote the 2017 book "Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How it Changed the World."

Popular theories spread that warming your feet would prevent infection, or gobbling brown sugar, or getting the onion rubdown. A "clean heart" was one supposed preventive, though it is not clear whether that meant the organ or the heart of love.

"There was no Tony Fauci back then," Barry said in a remote Library of Congress interview in April.

We have Fauci now – a federal immunologist who has been regarded as the truth-teller in White House briefings, singularly immune to Trump's positive spin and falsehoods. Plus, we know so much more than people did in 1918.

Yet we're still hearing lots of Dark Ages nonsense.

Conspiracy theorists have blamed COVID-19 on the development of 5G networks, just as they say radio waves caused the 1918 flu. Arsonists recently torched more than a dozen British cell towers after that falsehood circulated.

Over the months of this pandemic, The Associated Press has debunked a series of bogus remedies that spread on Facebook, Twitter and the like. No, blasting hot air up your nose from a hair dryer won't protect you. Nor will drinking tonic water, eating high-alkaline foods, stuffing antibiotic ointment up your nose, downing vodka or any home elixir.

No, it's not true that if you can't hold your breath very long, you have COVID-19. Or that a vaccine from a lab only works on a disease created by a lab.

Social distancing has not come with social-media distancing. Over a century of science, we haven't gone back to the future, but ahead to the past.

Lessons of 1918 (and 1919)

In September 1918, as the Spanish flu's second and by far deadliest wave hit in the U.S., Philadelphia's public health chief disregarded advisers and let a massive war-bond parade proceed through downtown. The H1N1 virus raced through the masses in what has been called the world's deadliest parade. As officials insisted there was nothing to be alarmed about, people were seeing neighbors sicken and die with astonishing speed and mass graves being dug.

"It's just the flu" had worn thin as the mantra of officialdom.

Late that November, sirens wailed in San Francisco to sound the all-clear after six weeks of lockdown and tell people they could remove their masks. San Francisco, like many cities in the West, had been largely spared the first wave and spent the interval preparing for Round 2, mandating masks and jailing people who didn't comply.

They had a rhyme for that, too, of course: "Obey the laws, and wear the gauze. Protect your jaws from septic paws."

The precautions paid off with a death rate lower than in afflicted cities elsewhere. But the city relaxed too soon.

In December, thousands of new cases erupted. A wave spilling into the new year was underway. San Francisco's death toll mounted by more than 1,000. It was the last lashing by the Spanish flu, and a less lethal one.

The brutal lessons of 1918 and 1919? To Barry, who was enlisted 15 years ago in a Bush administration drive to prepare all levels of government for pandemics, they are to respond early, relax cautiously, tell people the truth.

Instead he has seen denial followed by a chaotic federal response and leadership vacuum as Washington and the states compete for the same medical essentials and now move fitfully toward reopening.

"Now we have plans, even war-gamed the plans, spent billions preparing for just what is happening, federal agencies have been tasked to handle all these things, and we get ... next to nothing," he said.

Not even a jingle.

CARES FUND

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struggling," said BCF President Lisa Cripps-Downey in a news release. "Individuals, businesses, and foundations are responding mightily to that need. They are stepping up in a powerful way and investing in the long-term future of our region through the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund. Whether it is a gift of $5 or $5,000, people are doing what they can to help their neighbors, and I have been truly overwhelmed by the generosity."

The most recent gift, of $100,000, came from the Schalon Foundation.

In addition to anonymous donations and donations from individual donors, other donors are: 1st Source Bank, AEP, Berrien Community Foundation, Consumers Energy, Entergy, Felland Foundation Fund, Hanson Family Foundation, Hirsch-Schwartz Foundation, Horizon Bank, Hunter Foundation, Martin's Super Markets, McLoughlin Family Foundation, Meijer, Michigan Gas Utilities/WPS Foundation, Michigan Gateway Foundation, Midwest Energy & Communications, SEMCO Energy, South Haven Community Foundation, Spectrum Health Lakeland, Timken Foundation of Canton, United Way of Southwest Michigan, Whirlpool Corp., The Wood Foundation and Yeager Family Foundation.

"It's no surprise – given their past investments in this community – that the leaders who have donated to the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund have stepped up to contribute such a sizable amount in a short time," said Anna Murphy, president and CEO of UWSM, in the news release. "All of us in Southwest Michigan are grateful to be part of a region where so many care as deeply as they do for one another's well-being and the common good."

Disbursements will be made in two phases: emergency response and long-term recovery.

The current phase has given disbursements to nonprofits in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties for food, cleaning and hygiene supplies, baby items, and personal protection equipment.

Once the tri-county area enters into the long-term recovery phase, the fund will begin making disbursements for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance.

For information about the fund, how to donate to the fund, and for nonprofits seeking funding, visit southwestmichigancares.org.

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Ironman Steelhead Triathlon status up in the air

BH decision on Jean Klock Park scuttles June 28 race

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Athletes won't be taking part in the 2020 Maytag Ironman 70.3 Steelhead Triathlon in June.

The Ironman Group, which organizes all Ironman triathlons, announced on its website Monday evening that the triathlon won't take place as it was originally scheduled for June 28, based on the mandate from the city of Benton Harbor relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the group did not make clear whether the triathlon has been postponed or canceled.

In an emailed statement to The Herald-Palladium, organizers said they are working on all potential options and more event details would be announced as soon as possible.

"Due to a number of factors, we have not had the ability to make a final decision with respective stakeholders at this time," the email stated. "While we understand that this is not ideal, please be assured that we are working hard to provide athletes with an opportunity to experience an exceptional event in the future. Further updates will be provided as soon as they are available."

On Monday the city announced the cancelation of all summer events at Jean Klock Park, though the park will remain open.

The park was set to host the Steelhead Triathlon for the 18th time in June.

However, the city cited the increased number of COVID-19 cases on the west side of the state for canceling all festivals, concerts and events at the park.

"We look forward to our long-standing relationship continuing in the near future," the city's news release stated. "We will get through this global health crisis. Thank you for your patience and understanding. This decision came with serious contemplation and the public health being given due consideration."

After nearly two decades, the race has grown significantly.

The triathlon normally sees about 2,000 contestants and 5,000 spectators each year. Based on projections from earlier this year, event organizers were expecting more than 2,100 athletes in June.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Athletes exit the bike transition area after completing the swim portion of the 2019 Maytag Ironman 70.3 Steelhead Triathlon on June 30, 2019, at Jean Klock Park in Benton Harbor. The triathlon will not be held at the park in June this year.

Athletes would have taken on a course that features a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run, taking participants on a 70.3-mile loop through northern Benton Harbor and into a lower Van Buren County before returning to Jean Klock Park for the finish.

"In what has been a continually evolving and challenging time globally, we recognize that this may come as a disappointment but look forward to providing athletes with an exceptional race experience in the future," the Ironman Group stated on the event's website.

All races on the group's website are listed as having been postponed, rescheduled or canceled.

Athletes who are registered for the race can expect to receive an email with further details.

Anyone with questions is asked to email: steelhead70.3@ironman.com.

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BEACH CLEANER

Don Campbell / HP staff

Crews work at Silver Beach Tuesday afternoon in St. Joseph, getting it ready for the tourist season. The park has remained open to date, though officials have said they will be watching closely to make sure crowds don't become too thick, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hagar Township park to reopen after work completed

Site had been closed due to erosion

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Work will begin in the next few days to get Roadside Park in Hagar Township back open to the public within the next week.

The Hagar Township Board, during a special meeting Monday night, approved hiring Meyers Excavating of Coloma to remove clay and debris from the park, as well as grade a path to the shoreline.

Township Supervisor Izzy DiMaggio said the park, along Blue Star Highway just north of M-63 and Hagar Shore Road, has been closed since last summer because of erosion concerns and some alleged illegal work that was done by a private contractor.

"The contractor was supposed to do work for some properties north of our beach, and the only way they could get down there was to put a pathway of clay on our property that becomes dangerous when wet," he said.

The work by Meyers Excavating will cost the township $2,500 and should be completed within the next seven days.

DiMaggio said some additional signage will be added to the beach for the community's safety.

"It's a beautiful park that's perfect for people who want to get outdoors," he said. "We're very excited to get it reopened."

In other business, the township board accepted the resignation of Trustee Beth Raiser, effective April 30.

Hagar Township will accept letters of interest and a brief resume for interested residents to be considered to be appointed to the trustee term, which expires with the general election in November.

Letters and resumes should be received by 5 p.m. Friday at the Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084.

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Roadside Park in Hagar Township is expected to open in the next week after being closed since last summer due to erosion concerns.

Benton Harbor planners approve two medical marijuana dispensary requests

Issues now go to full commission

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor planning commissioners approved Tuesday recommending the special use permits and sites plans needed for two medical marijuana dispensaries.

The recommendations are expected to be considered by city commissioners on May 18. If approved, they then go to the state for final approval.

The requests were made by the Harvest Group for 218 Water St. and by Red Bud Roots for 241 E. Main St. The hearings were done virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city's medical marijuana ordinance requires that marijuana facilities be more than 500 feet from "a church or a place of worship."

Several people said that both locations violate the city's ordinance because the Sikh Religious Society of West Michigan is less than 500 feet away. A letter from the Sikh Religious Society stated that worship is done at the location and that it is similar to a Christian church.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad, who is on the planning commission, said both applications are up for approval because they have been vetted by the city's department heads, including the building official and code compliance officer.

He said that if city officials made a mistake, the state has the authority to deny the application.

Planning commissioners also approved the site plans for the Mason Jar at the corner of 5th and Park streets.

Plans call for the new building to have a restaurant on the first floor, with three apartments above it.

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IN BRIEF

Mishap at ATM leads to minor injuries

DOWAGIAC — A Dowagiac man ended up crashed onto nearby railroad tracks Tuesday afternoon after he accidentally hit the gas pedal on his vehicle while stopped at an ATM.

Dowagiac police reported that Larry Starrett, 73, was at the First Source Bank on Depot Drive when he drove through the parking lot, across Depot Drive and drove through a fence, coming to rest on the railroad tracks.

Police said Starrett was leaning out the vehicle's window when the mishap occurred. He received minor injuries and was transported to Ascension Borgess Lee Hospital by PRIDE Ambulance for treatment of minor non-life threatening injuries.

Dowagiac Police were assisted at the scene by the Dowagiac Fire Department, PRIDE Ambulance, and the Michigan State Police.

AG Nessel to police: Whitmer orders are valid, enforceable

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's attorney general on Tuesday backed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and told local law enforcement officials that her stay-at-home directive and restrictions on places of public accommodations are valid and enforceable despite Republican lawmakers' refusal to extend an underlying emergency declaration last week.

Dana Nessel, a Democrat, said her letter was necessary to clarify the situation after numerous legislators and other officials questioned the validity of the Democratic governor's orders to curb the coronavirus. The measures, Nessel said, were a "valid exercise" of Whitmer's broad emergency powers under a 1945 law.

The latest

Nessel's letter was the latest step in what has become a partisan fight over the governor's authority to act unilaterally in a pandemic. The GOP-led Legislature, which wants more input on reopening businesses and lifting other restrictions, appears likely to sue.

A 1976 law says lawmakers are needed to extend states of disaster or emergency. But it also says it should not be construed to limit a governor's authority to proclaim an emergency under the 1945 law, which requires no legislative extension.

The stay-home order will run through at least May 15. Restaurants will be limited to pickup and delivery through May 28.

Nessel said the continued restrictions are necessary and reasonable to secure public health, and are valid and enforceable under the 1945 law.

Cases

Michigan's confirmed cases rose at a much slower pace, up 1 percent Tuesday to roughly 44,400. Nearly 4,200 people had died, but only 44 new deaths were logged and eight could have occurred weeks ago.

The actual number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest that people can be infected without feeling sick.

Henry Ford Health System, which has five acute-care hospitals in southeastern Michigan, dropped below 300 COVID-19 patients for the first time since March 25.

Michigan's largest provider, Beaumont Health, said it had 403 patients with COVID-19 and another 74 with tests pending. Beaumont has been under 500 patients only three times since March 22; twice since Sunday.

Spiritual care

Two young Catholic priests have moved near Covenant HealthCare hospital in Saginaw to anoint those sickened by COVID-19.

Adam Maher and Andy LaFramboise left their parishes in the Saginaw Diocese in April and are now on call to offer the sacrament to patients at any time. At least 68 Saginaw County residents have died, and hundreds more had been infected.

"When this all hit, I remember praying, 'Lord, heal these people, bless these people,'" Maher told WNEM-TV. "And guess what: He asked me to go. It's funny how the Lord would rather do something through you than for you."

More layoffs

Michigan Medicine at the University of Michigan said 1,400 full-time employees will be furloughed or laid off while 300 vacancies will remain unfilled. Like other health systems, it said it had lost money because of a lid on medical care unrelated to the virus.

Testing transportation

Honda loaned 10 retrofitted minivans to Detroit for use as taxis to take people without transportation to go for drive-thru testing.

The company placed plastic barriers behind the front seats and modified the ventilation systems to separate the air between the driver and the passenger.

Commission is considering move to ban guns inside Michigan Capitol

By PAUL EGAN
Detroit Free Press

LANSING — The Michigan Capitol Commission has sought legal advice and could make a decision Monday on whether guns should be banned inside the Capitol, the vice chairman of the commission said Tuesday.

The longstanding practice of allowing open carry of firearms inside the Capitol came under national scrutiny Thursday when demonstrators, some carrying long guns, pressed together outside the entrance to the House chamber and shouted to be allowed inside.

Earlier, several hundred protesters gathered on the Capitol lawn, urging the Legislature not to extend Michigan's coronavirus state of emergency, which provides the legal basis for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order and other emergency orders. Whitmer extended the state of emergency through May 28 without legislative approval. The stay-at-home order runs through May 15.

Demonstrators carrying rifles entered the Senate public gallery and shouted at state senators on the chamber floor.

The demonstration included the display on the Capitol lawn of at least one Confederate flag and a sign reading, "Tyrants get the rope." At least one lawmaker, state Sen. Sylvia Santana, D-Detroit, wore a bulletproof vest at her desk.

John Truscott, a Republican and vice chairman of the six-member Michigan State Capitol Commission, which oversees the building, said he was "very disturbed" by what he saw Thursday.

"We do not like seeing guns brought into the building – loaded guns – and I'm a Second Amendment advocate," Truscott said, speaking on the "Morning Wake-Up" radio show with Dave Akerly on WILS-AM.

"It's the rule of law that will dictate what happens here," and "we're looking into it."

Truscott told the Free Press Tuesday that the commission's reading of a 1931 law is that carrying concealed weapons with a license is allowed inside the building. There is no specific prohibition against open carry, so it is presumed to be allowed, he said.

It also may be the case that the commission does not have jurisdiction over which items are carried into the Capitol, said Trustcott, who believes a ban on signs inside the Capitol is pursuant to a state law.

"We'll be getting a more comprehensive briefing at our meeting on Monday," he said.

Guns are banned from other state government buildings, and one of the issues of legal research is whether the Capitol has any special status under current law that would prevent the commission from banning them there as well, Truscott said.

"One way to easily deal with this would be to pass a law," but that would require an act of the Legislature, he said.

The main job of the Capitol Commission is to maintain the Capitol and its grounds and ensure public access. Members are appointed by the governor, the House and the Senate.

There are no metal detectors at the Capitol entrances and long guns and handguns in holsters are routinely carried into the Capitol on annual "Second Amendment March" days at which enthusiasts express their Second Amendment rights.

"We haven't had any issues with them at all," as they have been "extremely respectful," never acting in such a way that they appeared to be trying to "commandeer the building," Truscott said.

On Thursday, House sergeants and Michigan State Police troopers formed a line in front of the entrance to the chamber floor – which is off limits to the public-- as a group of demonstrators, most not wearing masks, pressed up close in violation of social distancing guidelines and shouted: "Let us in."

A Michigan State Police spokesman downplayed the incident at the time.

"There's always a risk, but we were prepared for it," Lt. Brian Oleksyk said Thursday. "People are allowed to exercise their right to freedom of speech and their right to open carry. We always kept an eye on it."

He said "people were just venting their frustrations in a loud manner" outside the House chamber, but "once they were able to do that ... people were pleasant and polite."

Truscott said signs are banned inside the Capitol because signs have done damage to the paint or other fixtures of the historic building in the past.

At least one state senator expressed worry Thursday when she saw demonstrators shouting and carrying firearms in the public gallery.

"Directly above me, men with rifles yelling at us," Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia, posted on Twitter, along with a photo. "Some of my colleagues who own bulletproof vests are wearing them. I have never appreciated our Sergeants-at-Arms more than today."

Santana donned a bulletproof vest, according to a Facebook post and photo by her husband, former state Rep. Harvey Santana.

"It's a sad day in America when you have to strap on a bullet-proof vest to your wife so she can sit in an open space and do her job. Why?" Harvey Santana asked. He said it was "because angry people armed with semi-automatic sporting rifles and Confederate flags decided to try and enter the chamber floors."

Tom Lambert, president of Michigan Open Carry, Inc., said there has never been a safety incident at the Second Amendment March, which has been held at the Capitol for at least a dozen years. There was also no safety incident Thursday and there is no evidence that anyone carrying a firearm was pushing to get onto the House floor, he said.

"We don't curtail rights over the subjective fears of people," Lambert said.

"Our constitutionally protected rights are most sensitive when we interact with government."

Thursday's demonstrators were nearly all white, and observers have questioned whether racism has been a factor in how guns inside the Capitol have been treated at different times.

John Lindstrom, who recently retired as publisher of the Capitol newsletter Gongwer after covering the Capitol for 42 years, told Bridge Magazine that temporary metal detectors were used in 1999, when demonstrators who were mostly from predominantly black Detroit objected to then Gov. John Engler's plan for a state takeover of Detroit Public Schools.

"A lot of (protesters) were very upset and argued they were being discriminated against, treated badly, because they were forced to go through a metal detector," Lindstrom told Bridge.

In Thursday's protest, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, said most of the demonstrators acted properly, but a few conducted themselves like "jackasses." House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, told Michigan Information & Research Service Monday that he's not interested in banning guns inside the Capitol because it is the "people's house" and everyone has the right to express their constitutional rights.

Detroit automakers push for restart of plants

By TOM KRISHER and COLLEEN BARRY
AP Business Writers

DETROIT — Major U.S. automakers are planning to reopen North American factories within two weeks, potentially putting thousands of workers back on the assembly line as part of a gradual return to normality.

Fiat Chrysler CEO Mike Manley said on an earnings conference call Tuesday his company plans to start reopening factories May 18, though that depends on an easing of government restrictions.

Right now, Michigan's shelter-at-home order is in effect until May 15.

Detroit automakers will likely be on the same timetable because their workers are represented by the same union.

The United Auto Workers union on Tuesday appeared to be onboard.

Detroit automakers employ about 150,000 factory workers in the United States alone. Auto plants have been shut since mid-March because of the outbreak. At least 25 employees at auto facilities represented by the UAW have died as a result of COVID-19, although it's not known if they were infected at work.

Manley said a lot depends on whether Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer allows factories to reopen.

Last week, Whitmer hinted that auto plants may soon reopen as the curve of cases continues to flatten. She said the reopening could take place as long as the UAW can ensure employees feel safe.

The UAW said in a prepared statement that workers will return to auto plants starting May 18, and it has agreed on safety procedures to protect them. Under its contracts with Fiat Chrysler, General Motors and Ford, the companies have authority to pick restart dates. But the union can file grievances and seek closures if the virus spreads at factories.

"We all knew this day would come," union President Rory Gamble said Tuesday. "We continue to advocate for as much testing as possible at the current time and eventually full-testing when available."

Gamble said his family will be among those returning to work, and the union will make sure safety guidelines will be followed.

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How one Three Oaks eatery is weathering the pandemic

Jane Ammeson

I'm in the large, stainless steel-centric kitchen at Froehlich's Kitchen & Pantry in downtown Three Oaks watching partners Colleen Froehlich and Amy Logan assemble to-go meal kits.

The trays are filled with complete dinners, such as meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy and a side vegetable, grilled salmon and sides, and even desserts. It's their way of feeding customers since the COVID-19 pandemic has shut down their ability to serve sit-down customers.

"We've done a dozen kits that we change frequently, like stuffed peppers, pizza kits with our own dough and sauce plus cheese and toppings, and ribs – one of our best sellers," Froehlich says. "Some of our kits serve two, some four."

For dessert, they sell pie flights – five mini pies. The mud pie kits come with separate containers of salted caramel rum sauce and a choice of nuts.

"We also call it Michigan mud," Froehlich says. "It's chocolate souffle made with bittersweet chocolate, eggs, sugar, corn syrup to keep it fudgy and a touch of espresso in pie crusts. It's poufy when taken from the oven, and then settles. You can put the nuts and the caramel sauce on it to serve."

Today, Froehlich is putting together kits of eggplant Parmesan on pasta topped with sauce and cheese, two versions of mole sauce – one kit is vegan using grilled eggplant instead of meat, the other is grilled pork. Both come with tortillas, their Napa salad made with Napa cabbage, avocado, cilantro, lime juice and jalapenos accompanied with shredded chihuahua cheese.

Logan is busy making dozens of deviled eggs – another popular take-out item. After mixing the filling, she uses an ice cream scoop to fill one side of the egg and then fits an empty half on top. I say I've never seen deviled eggs made that way before. Turns out Froehlich's mother did them that way.

Also on the long list of items to make for their meal sales, which run Thursdays to Sundays, is their grilled jalapeno spread.

"I love jalapenos," Froehlich says about her jalapeno spread. "We were making stuffed jalapenos, but they were disappointing because they're now bred to be bigger, but not as hot. So I decided to get the taste and heat I wanted by grilling jalapenos, chopping them up and mixing them with cream cheese, cheddar cheese, cumin, roasted garlic and cilantro."

In the past, customers asked Froehlich if she'd teach cooking classes, but there was never time. Now, she's combined teaching and take-out meals. Her website has cooking demonstrations, including how to use her food kits.

Froehlich's Kitchen & Pantry is a gleaming new-old space, created out of the 1911-built Warren Featherbone Mercantile. Froehlich bought the brick building more than three years ago, and spent several years gutting and remodeling it before opening her restaurant and pantry last year.

Now a large, open expanse, there are separate areas for her restaurant, beverage station, deli, coffee bar and shelves lined with house-made jams, preserves, seasonings, pickled veggies, potato chips, and kitchen and housewares.

Using the old windows, transoms and reclaimed wood from the two-story building, she also created a store within a store. Called the Beverage Boutique, it looks like an old-fashioned general store. It includes wine, beer and spirits as well as snacks and drinking paraphernalia.

The Kitchen & Pantry is across the street from Froehlich's Bakery, where she started in 1992. That's when there were only a few other businesses in downtown.

On the next block is Drier's Meat Market, which has been in the Drier family for almost 110 years.

"There were 24 vacant storefronts," says Froehlich, who purchased a dilapidated building and spent several years redoing that one, too.

Charming and cozy, it housed all of her endeavors – café, shop, kitchen, coffee shop and deli counter. Her goods garnered the attention of national media. The Food Network's "Food Finds" came to town to film a segment, and food magazines gave her goods rave reviews.

Other vendors started moving into the historic downtown. Journeyman Distillery opened up in the old Featherbone Factory and later expanded, opening an event space on the second floor and a restaurant on the first. The 109-year-old Vickers Theatre was restored and reopened. Pat and Ellie Mullins started Patellie's Pizza. The School of American Music was established on the second floor of Three Oaks Township Public Library, and numerous boutiques popped up in the Victorian-era storefronts.

"Now there's not an empty shop in town," Froehlich says.

She still owns her first store. Called Froehlich's Bakery, the business makes all their pastries and breads there. It's enough to make you wonder if they'll start calling this section of North Elm Street, Froehlich Street.

"More and more people are shopping online because we don't have a choice," Froehlich says. "With our free videos, you see what you're getting and how to cook it. We also have instructions on the package. Our food kits are perfect for people who want that restaurant experience, but you can't have at a restaurant anymore."

For more information about Froehlich's, visit www.shopfroehlichs.com.

Here are a couple of recipes Froehlich shared with me.

Photos provided / Matthew Kirby

ABOVE: Red sweet peppers stuffed with meat and vegetables and covered with marinara sauce are available for take-out at Froehlich's. **AT RIGHT:** Egg noodles topped with fried eggplants and house-made marinara sauces is a popular take-out item at Froehlich's.

Jane Ammeson / HP correspondent

Colleen Froehlich assembles Eggplant Parmesan for carry-out orders at Froehlich's Kitchen & Pantry in Three Oaks.

Stuffed Peppers

Red sweet peppers, split lengthwise and seeded
3 stalks celery, finely diced
3 leeks, finely diced
2 carrots, finely diced
2 ounces garlic, minced
5 ounces canola oil
5 pounds ground chuck
1 pound white rice, cooked
4 to 5 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons pepper
Marinara sauce, your favorite recipe or store-bought
1 pound provolone cheese
1 ounce parsley, finely chopped

Heat an oven to 350 degrees.

Saute the vegetables in the oil until soft. Cool and mix with ground chuck and cooked rice. Season with salt and pepper.

Gently stuff peppers with 4 ounces of the meat mixture. Place in casserole dish. Cover with marinara sauce. Cook for 35 minutes.

Remove from oven, top with cheese, and bake for 5 minutes more.

Serve, topped with parsley.

Eggplant Parmesan

2 eggplants
2 cups flour
3 eggs, whipped
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 cups breadcrumbs
Herbs de Three Oaks (see note)
1 pound egg noodles, cooked
Marinara sauce, your favorite recipe or store-bought

Slice eggplants into disks. Salt and refrigerate overnight.

The next day, rinse and let dry. Dip slices of eggplant in flour, then whipped eggs seasoned with salt and pepper, and then breadcrumbs.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Fry the eggplant in a skillet with oil for two minutes, then place in the oven for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with Herbs de Three Oaks.

Top egg noodles with eggplant slices, marinara sauce, and a mixture of shredded mozzarella, provolone and Parmesan cheese.

Bake altogether for 15 to 20 minutes, or until bubbly and golden.

Note: Herbs de Three Oaks is Froehlich's blend of thyme, chili flakes, garlic and lavender that Froehlich "puts on everything." You can substitute one of your favorite seasonings.

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Sorry, French press users, study says you should filter your coffee

By NANCY CLANTON
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Coffee fuels early risers and night owls, and during coronavirus isolation many people are brewing their own drinks at home.

A recent study shows only one problem with that: If you use a French press, you aren't filtering your coffee well enough.

"Our study provides strong and convincing evidence of a link between coffee brewing methods, heart attacks and longevity," study author Dag S. Thelle, a professor at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, said in a news release. "Unfiltered coffee contains substances which increase blood cholesterol. Using a filter removes these and makes heart attacks and premature death less likely."

The research was published recently in the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology, a journal of the European Society of Cardiology.

Thelle discovered 30 years ago that drinking coffee was linked to "bad" LDL cholesterol to such an extent it was likely "to have detrimental consequences for heart health."

Experiments identified the bad substances in coffee and found they could be removed using a filter.

A cup of unfiltered coffee contains about 30 times the concentration of the lipid-raising substances compared to filtered coffee.

Dreamstime / TNS

A recent study shows that if you use a French press, you aren't filtering your coffee well enough.

"We wondered whether this effect on cholesterol would result in more heart attacks and death from heart disease," Thelle said.

So, over the course of 20 years, Thelle conducted a study on a representative sample of the Norwegian population: 508,747 healthy men and women ages 20 to 79.

Participants completed a questionnaire on the amount and type of coffee consumed.

During those 20 years, "46,341 participants died. Of those, 12,621 deaths were due to cardiovascular disease. Of the cardiovascular deaths, 6,202 were caused by a heart attack," according to the news release.

The study found that drinking filtered coffee was safer than no coffee at all. Filtered coffee was linked with a 15 percent reduced risk of death from any cause during follow up.

"For death from cardiovascular disease, filtered brew was associated with a 12 percent decreased risk of death in men and a 20 percent lowered risk of death in women compared to no coffee. The lowest mortality was among consumers of 1 to 4 cups of filtered coffee per day," according to the news release.

The study also found that unfiltered coffee was worse than filtered brew for death from any cause, death due to cardiovascular disease and deaths from heart attacks.

"Our analysis shows that this was partly because of the cholesterol-increasing effect of unfiltered coffee," Thelle said.

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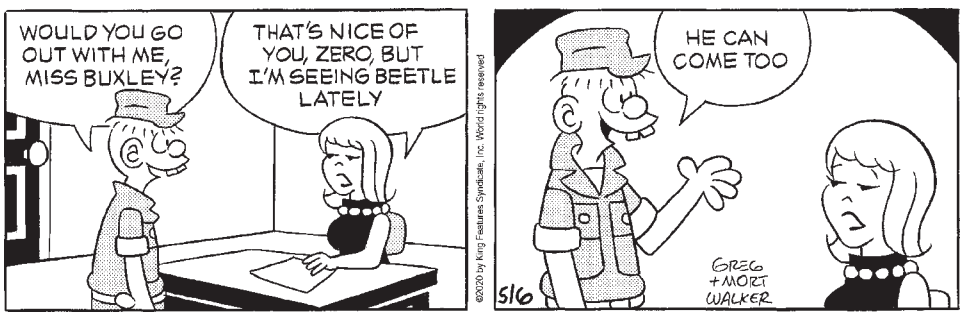
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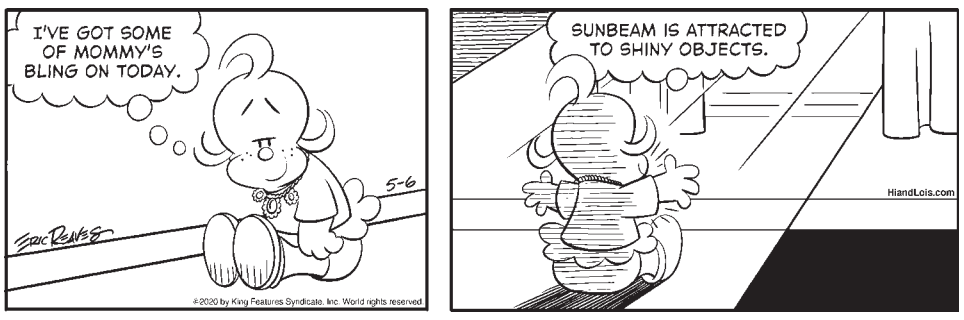
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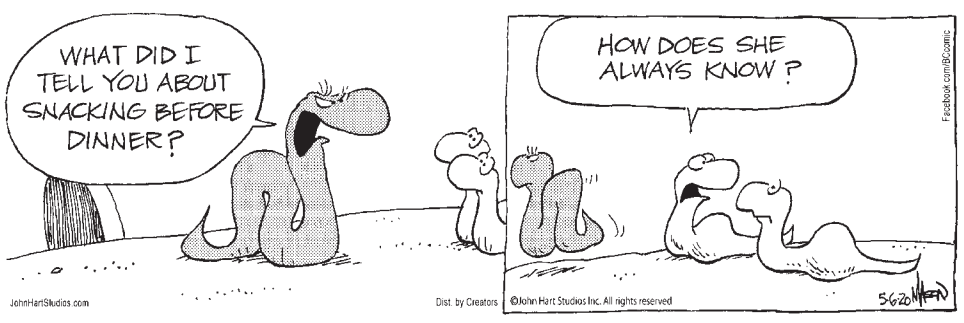

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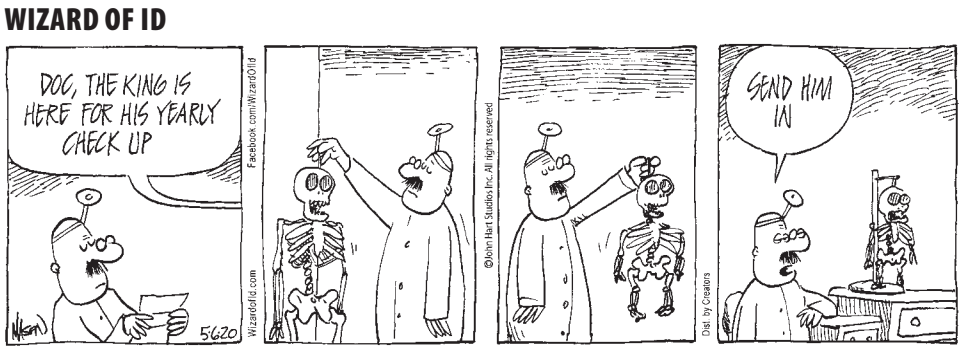

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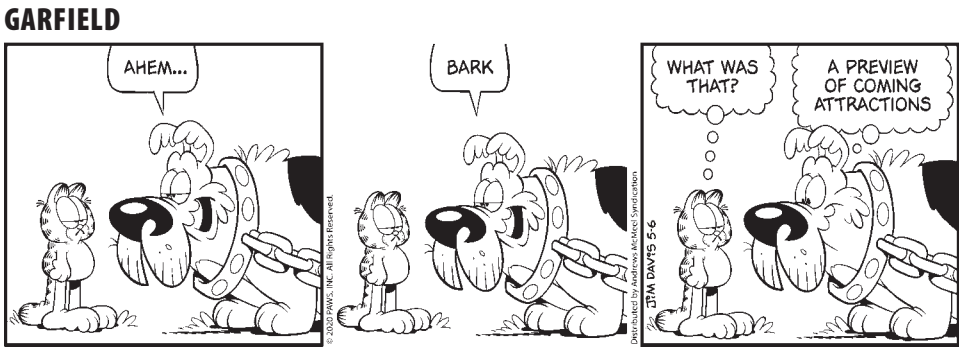

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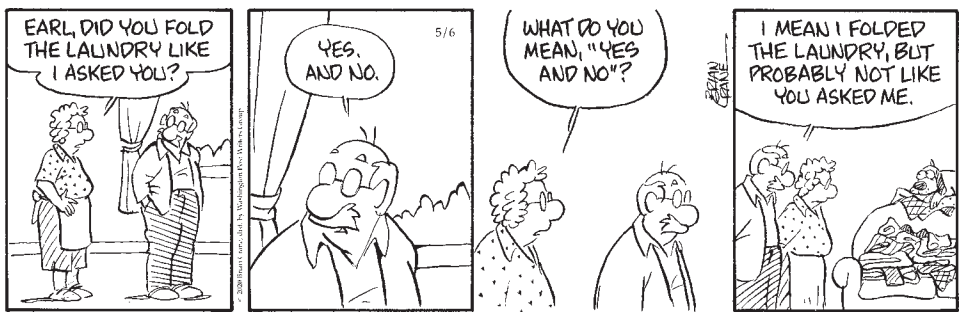
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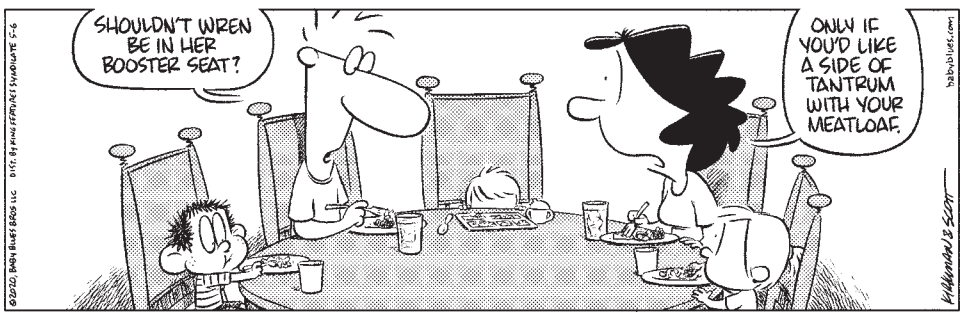

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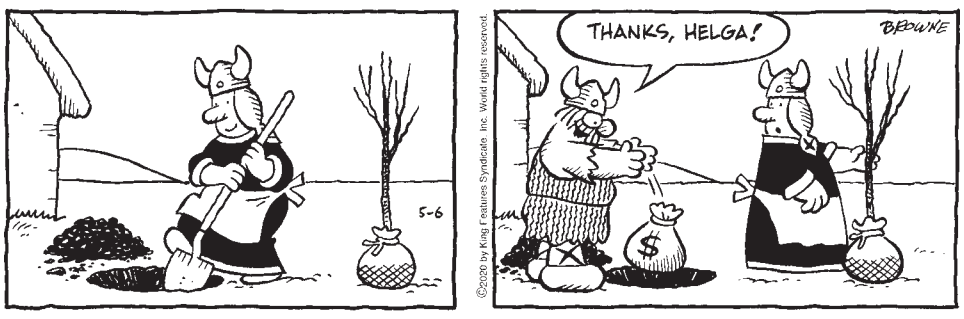

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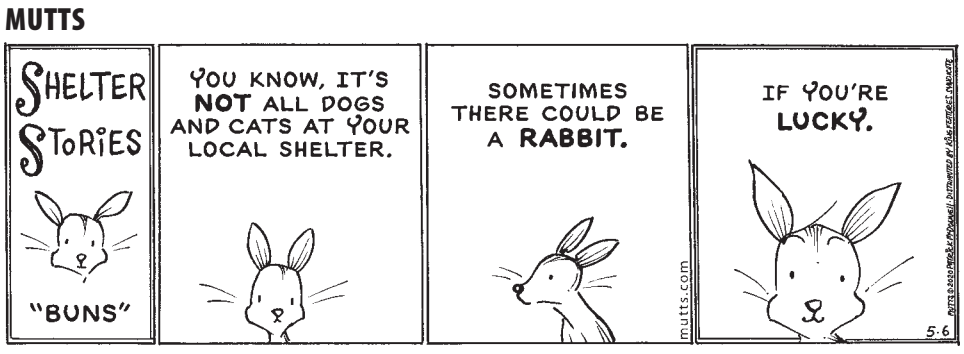

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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 6

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Single Parents	Housewife	Single Parents	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "The Penultimate Step of the War" (N) CC				SEAL Team "No Choice in Duty" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med "It's All in the Family"		Chicago Fire "What Went Wrong"		Chicago P.D. "Familia" CC (DVS)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer The final five singers compete. (N) CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries (N)		H2O: The Molecule That Made Us CC		Expedition With Steve Backshall (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Riverdale ((F)) (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 2" CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Snitch"		Dateline CC		Dateline "Secrets of the Emerald Coast"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Riverdale ((F)) (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 2" CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Tim doles out some tough love.		Highway to Heaven "The Silent Bell"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish "Stuff"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters "Alone in Alaska"		Ghost Hunters "Haunted Hospital"		Celebrity Ghost Stories (N) CC	
AMC	American Sniper	★★★ Fury ('14, War) Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf. A sergeant takes his men on a mission behind enemy lines. CC					
Animal	North-	North Woods Law		North Wo. Law		North Woods Law	
BET	★ When the Bough Breaks			T. Perry's The Oval		T. Perry's Ruthless	
Big Ten	Wrestling	Iowa Football		Big Ten Elite CC		Iowa Football	
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Summer House "Rave Goodbye" the final weekend at the Summer House. CC			
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	6:35 The Sitter	★★ Night School ('18, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. CC				9:55 ★★ Shallow Hal ('01) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Yankers	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Yankers
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) CC		Expedition Unknown (N) CC		:01 Legends of the Wild Crocodiles. (N)	
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Maine	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	Mysteries	Forensic	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Forensic
ESPN	:00 2006 NBA Finals From June 13, 2006.				2011 NBA Finals		
ESPN2	WSOP	2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 24, 1981.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spotlight	Detroit Tigers Classics From June 12, 2007. (N)					Tigers
Freefrm	6:30 ★★ Jumanji ('95, Children's) Robin Williams. CC			Motherland: Fort Salem "Citydrop" (N)		Motherland: Fort Salem "Citydrop"	
FX	Transformers	★★ Daddy's Home 2 ('17, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. CC				What We Do	What We Do
Golf	PGA	GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC	
Hallmark	All of My Heart	The Story of Us ('19, Romance) Maggie Lawson, Sam Page. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 Westworld	Westworld "Crisis Theory" Time to face the music. CC			:20 ★★ Cowboys & Aliens ('11) Daniel Craig. CC		
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		Eating	Eating
HGTV	Buying	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Dottie & Cynthia" (N)				My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 ★★ Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail ('09) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. CC			
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge (N) CC			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic (N)					Insd.
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Border.	Borderforce USA		Borderforce USA		Drug Lords: The	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Hope Schreiner" CC		Snapped "Beverly McColm" CC		Snapped "Betty Neumar" CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Training Day ('01) Denzel Washington.					Man Fire
Showtime	★★ Second Act	The Affair Noah asks Alison to help him.		Couples Therapy	Work in Progress	★★★ Hustlers ('19) CC	
Starz	6:57 ★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18) Denzel Washington. CC			★ All About Steve ('09) Sandra Bullock. CC			Deuce Bigalow
STZENC	:20 ★★★ (500) Days of Summer ('09) CC			★★★ 9 to 5 ('80, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★★ Wanted ('08) James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman. CC (DVS)				★★ Constantine ('05, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves. CC		
TBS	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Strike Up the Band	★★★ The Dragon Painter ('19)		★★ Piccadilly ('29, Crime Drama) Gilda Gray, Jameson Thomas.			
TMC	Hummingbird	★★★ Trumbo ('15, Biography) Bryan Cranston, Helen Mirren, Diane Lane. CC				:05 ★★★ The King's Speech ('10)	
TNT	Get Hard	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Shaq Life	Shaq Life
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Nation CC		Ghost Nation (N)		Destination Fear (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Creed	Black Ink: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago		Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Different kinds of heart murmurs require different treatments

DEAR DOCTOR: My 7-year-old niece has been diagnosed with a heart murmur, and my brother says she won't be receiving any kind of treatment. What is a heart murmur? Will it interfere with the activities she loves, like soccer and softball?

DEAR READER: When someone has a heart murmur, it means an extra and unusual sound has been detected while their heart beats.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

During the normal cycle of a heartbeat, blood is propelled through the chambers of the heart via muscle contractions, and its flow is directed by a series of valves that open and close in a specific sequence and pattern. The normal two-part sound of a heartbeat, which is often described as lub-DUB, is made by the heart valves as they close. When someone has a heart murmur, their heartbeat makes a whooshing or swishing sound. This is caused by turbulent blood either within or near the heart. We know that all of this can sound alarming, but a heart murmur isn't necessarily dangerous and doesn't automatically require treatment. A heart murmur may be congenital, which means you are born with it, or it can develop later in life.

The condition is divided into two categories – innocent or abnormal. Innocent heart murmurs, sometimes also referred to as functional or normal murmurs, don't pose a danger to the individual and generally don't require treatment. An innocent heart murmur is a common finding in children and infants. In the majority of cases, no structural abnormalities to either the heart or the vessels that serve it are present. In fact, researchers estimate that fewer than 1 percent of childhood heart murmurs are associated with congenital heart disease.

An abnormal heart murmur can be caused by structural problems that interfere with optimal cardiac function. These can include valve abnormalities or septal defects, which are holes in the heart. Infections, such as rheumatic fever, can lead to a heart murmur. So can endocarditis, which is an infection of the heart's inner lining.

In some people, an abnormal heart murmur is accompanied by symptoms such as shortness of breath, a bluish tinge to the skin or lips, chest pain, rapid breathing, a chronic cough or light-headedness. Abnormal heart murmurs require treatment, which can range from medications to manage the condition, to surgery to repair the structural causes.

The fact that your niece has seen a doctor and won't receive treatment suggests she has an innocent murmur. However, her doctor will continue to monitor the murmur throughout her childhood. If problems arise, she will be referred to a pediatric cardiologist, who may use an X-ray, electrocardiogram or echocardiogram to learn more about her heart and the murmur.

For the majority of children living with an innocent heart murmur, life goes on as normal. They can run, ride bikes, jump rope, go swimming and play sports. If she begins to exhibit any of the symptoms we mentioned earlier, then she will need to be reevaluated. But the good news is that in many cases, innocent heart murmurs resolve by themselves by adulthood.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Angry with boyfriend for choosing not to social-distance

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm a middle-aged, longtime-divorced, peaceful, content woman. I was pressured into dating a recently divorced man in his 60s; I wanted friendship, he wanted romance. We've been dating a few years, but had repeated issues with his constant push/desire for sexual intimacy, it's never enough, while I keep telling him we need a friendship first.

Carolyn Hax

We were fine visiting each other weekly, in neighboring counties, even when COVID social distancing began, and we have both worked from home.

Recently his boss said he had to go into his office 20 hours a week, and he said yes. I was upset because a co-worker his age died from COVID and another co-worker tested positive. He is retired with a nice pension but likes the lifestyle he can afford with the second job.

I finally got very angry with him today because he keeps telling me we are symptom-free so I can come over and stay with him on weekends or more. It made me furious that he thinks he is an exception and, even more so, doesn't seem to care that it exposes me to extra risk. I am not willing to take on extra COVID risks just because he can't cope with being alone.

I am emotionally attached. I have been fine with our romance, but really don't want to lose our friendship. I heard in bad times you see the worst and best in people, so am I overreacting by seeing my overly generous, kind-acting, intelligent boyfriend as a completely selfish man on the inside? – Overreacting?

DEAR OVERREACTING?: The bodice-ripper I'm writing now has a title: "Fine With Our Romance."

You aren't overreacting, you're *belatedly* reacting – belated by a few years. It's a form of underreacting.

Seriously underreacting.

Since the pandemic is currently months old and your relationship years old, you can do the math: You're underreacting to selfishness and manipulation he has displayed for you, right there on the outside, since the very beginning.

You didn't even want to date him! But he pressured you into it.

You are not interested in a sexual relationship with him! But he pressures you into it. This pressure is, in your word, "constant."

You aren't comfortable closing the social distance with someone risking workplace exposure to the virus – but he's *pressuring you into it*.

This "overly generous, kind-acting, intelligent boyfriend" has carried himself as if he's above the rules from the moment you've met him.

NOBODY is above the rule that no means no.

Yes, I'm yelling.

And please don't treat *anyone* as if they're above the rule that, in a relationship, each person's emotional needs are of equal value.

And, most important, next time you write your story and attribute your decisions to somebody else, rewrite it on the spot without the passive voice. "I was pressured"? No: "I gave in to pressure." Own it.

Then stop it. Recognize pressure as *reason unto itself* for a hard "no." Hard and final.

Maybe the truism here is that in bad times, we don't have the usual ways to lie to ourselves. Finally, the lens of life and death has allowed you to see him clearly: He's not looking out for you, he's looking out for himself; he is not your friend. Don't let him blur your lines again.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Cozy dwelling
5 A mummy may have one
10 Conviction
12 Din
13 Naval force
14 Cowboy's seat
15 Latitude
16 "Hey, —!"
18 Exploit
19 Machine parts
21 Certain corn chip
25 Blanks
29 Sticks around
30 Earth
32 Account entries
33 — tube
34 Tomato jellies
37 Down and out
38 Lamp-plug part
40 Solidify
43 "Shogun" apparel
44 Wrongful act
48 Planet before Uranus
50 Shore bird
52 Off the track
53 In a low-risk manner
54 Abrade
55 Undersized

DOWN
1 Rome's fiddler
2 Brat in "Blondie"
3 Where Anna taught
4 Danson or Turner
5 Financial whiz
6 Karachi language
7 Drapery supports
8 Discount event
9 Sooner than anon
10 Candy shape
11 Dunaway of films
12 Seize power
17 W. Hemisphere grp.
19 Loose talk
20 Carpentry job
21 "Most Wanted" org.
22 Moreno or Rudner
23 Date in March
24 Office sub.
26 Volcano shape
27 Sea eagle
28 Musher's vehicle
31 Help with the dishes
35 Close companion
36 Express grief
39 Playful bites
40 Window part
41 Grammy winner — James
42 Grass
44 Soybean food
45 Baker's must
46 Bank (on)
47 Get a taste of
48 Pouch
49 Funny Charlotte —
51 Baby's seat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

E	B	O	N		W	O	W		C	A	B	
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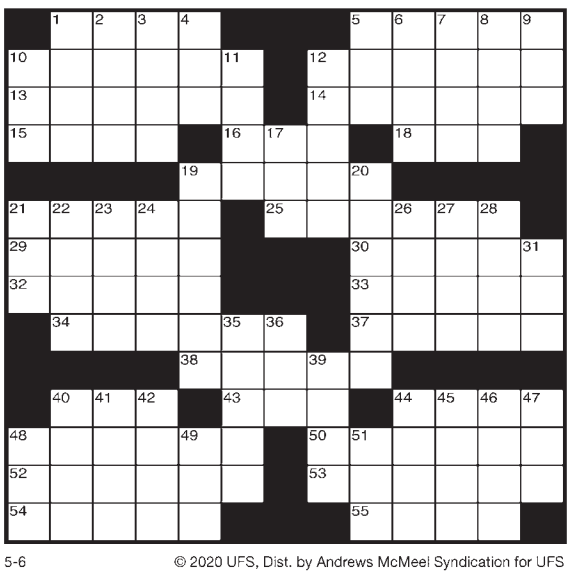

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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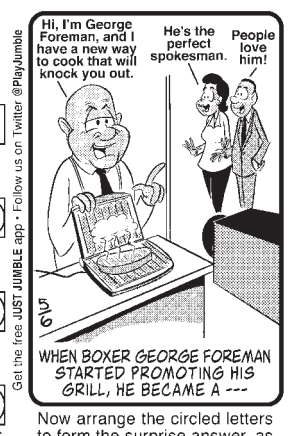
VHOSE

NINETV

UURXYL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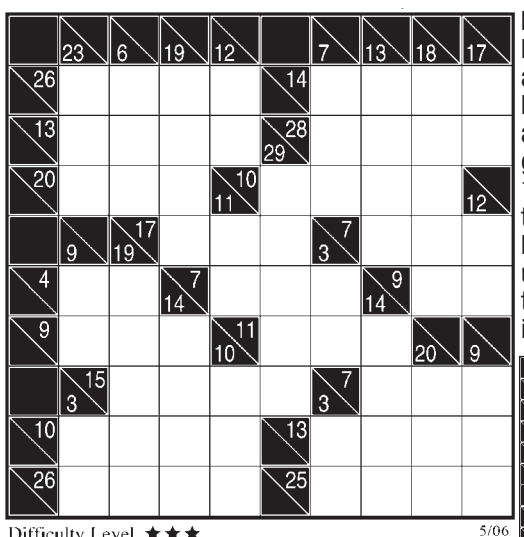
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ○○○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

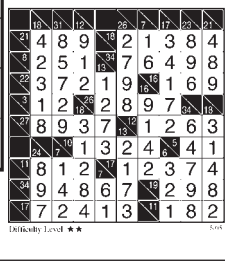
Yesterday's Jumbles: METAL TITLE ODDITY GLOSSY
Answer: Rolex debuted in 1908 and would become known for its high-quality watches — ALL IN GOOD TIME

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/06

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★ 5/06

BRIDGE

Mel Brooks said, "If Shaw and Einstein couldn't beat death, what chance have I got? Practically none."

Sometimes at the bridge table, you feel as if you have practically no chance to make your contract. But any chance, however unlikely, is better than none.

In today's deal, South's three-spade opening starts and ends the auction. West takes the first three tricks with his high diamonds, then shifts to a club. How should declarer continue?

North was not a happy camper when his partner opened three spades. But he knew that misfits are miserable and passed in tempo. He hoped East would balance, but East did not have enough hand strength to argue with his opponents.

After the three diamond tricks and club switch, declarer won on the board and cashed the heart winners to discard his club loser. Now South had to avoid two spade losers. If the opposing trumps were divided 3-3, 5-1 or 6-0, there was nothing South could do; he would lose at least two spade tricks. But if they were breaking 4-2, he had one chance: an opponent holding jack doubleton. (Finding someone with king doubleton would do no good, as the jack would eventually score a trick.)

Declarer ruffed a club back to hand, cashed the spade ace and continued with the spade queen.

North 05-06-20
♠ —
♥ A K 8 5
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 5 2

West
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 10 7

East
♠ J 5
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ 9 6 5
♣ K Q J 3

South
♠ A Q 10 9 6 3 2
♥ 7
♦ J 8 3
♣ 6 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

South felt the appearance of the jack was only right and proper! Declarer ruffed the heart return, drew trumps and claimed nine tricks.

What was declarer's chance of success? Twenty-one percent.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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		1		5	6			8
2	6			7	8			4
9				3	1	6		
8				9				3
		5	6	8				1
6			8	4			1	5
5			1	2		8		
		4				3		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	8	6	5	7	4	1	2	3
2	3	4	9	8	1	7	6	5
7	5	1	3	2	6	4	8	9
5	2	8	7	6	3	9	1	4
6	7	9	4	1	2	3	5	8
4	1	3	8	9	5	2	7	6
1	9	2	6	3	8	5	4	7
3	6	5	2	4	7	8	9	1
8	4	7	1	5	9	6	3	2

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Griffin
Approved Sewer Lead
GIS Proposal - Wight-
man
Approved Engineering
– Napier Ave. Non-Mo-
torized Path Project
Approved Road Main-
tenance Project – Addi-
tional Roads

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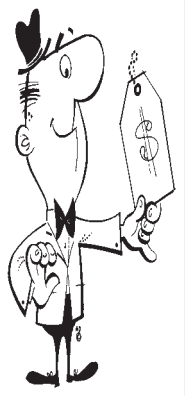

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

A unique, creative approach will give you the upper hand. Look for an opportunity to use your skills, knowledge and experience to reach a long-term goal you've been working toward. Don't hesitate, when you can move forward with confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Turn a business prospect into something tangible. You'll gain recognition for your contributions and accomplishments. Don't share your remedy for success; being mysterious will attract more interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do what feels right. If that means enhancing your appearance or checking out someone who interests you personally or professionally, do so confidently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take control and avoid upsetting situations. Use your intelligence, perception and persuasive powers to get what you want. A financial opportunity, contract or settlement will require finesse and patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen and observe, but don't share your opinions until you reassess where you stand and what you might lose or gain by divulging your plans. If you listen to complaints, you will find solutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Move in a profitable direction. If you have a good idea that could potentially make you some extra cash, get it up and running. A positive change is heading your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid conflict. Peace of mind comes with patience, the ability to see all sides of a situation and compromise. Weigh the pros and cons before you proceed. Personal improvement is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you appreciate others, you will avoid unnecessary criticism and complaints. Channel your energy into tying up loose ends, making investments and choosing a healthier lifestyle. Be well informed and prepared.

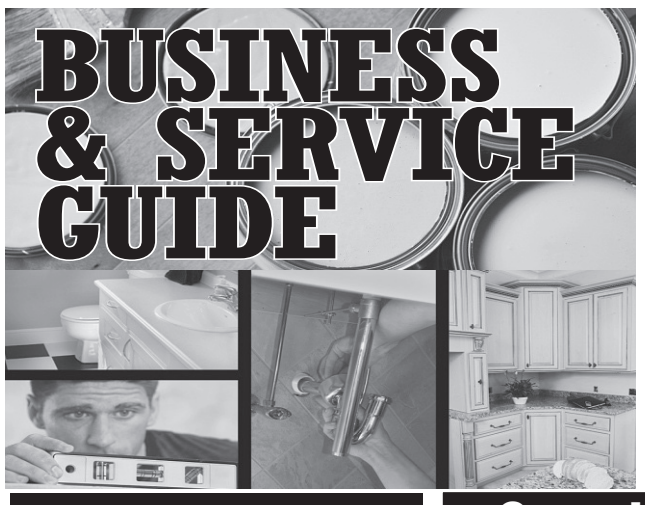
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Get back to basics and stick to the facts. Focus on personal fitness, health, diet and maintaining functional relationships. Honesty will be essential when dealing with partnership issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change is doable, as long as you keep everyone affected by your decisions in the loop. Simple solutions, a willingness to listen and compromise will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Emotional spending won't ease stress. Make personal adjustments that will leave you feeling good about the way you look, what you do and the goals you set.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Linger over fond memories, reconnect with someone from your past and revisit ideas that can help you bring in extra cash. An unexpected gift or cash injection is heading your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stop worrying and start doing. Be willing to make peace and put negativity behind you. If you are ready to compromise, you will find a way to please everyone.



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NOTICE OF LETTING AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Electronic Bids for the construction of the South Watervliet Drain #485 will be received, by the South Watervliet Drain Drainage District, until the below date and time, at which time the Bids received will be opened and read publicly via teleconference at the call in number and conference ID provided below. Electronic Bids shall be submitted through www.questcdn.com utilizing QuestCDN project number #160065.

NOTICE OF LETTING

DATE: May 26, 2020
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Via Teleconference
Call In Number: (248) 509-5369
Conference ID: 210 852 2#
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

The Project consists of the following:

Part 1 – Drain Improvements

Includes approximately 680 LFT 6" PVC storm sewer; 1,800 LFT 12" PVC storm sewer; 700 LFT 18" PVC storm sewer; 800 LFT 12" RCP storm sewer; 180 LFT 15" RCP storm sewer; 380 LFT 30" RCP storm sewer; 1,200 LFT 36" RCP storm sewer; 4,000 LFT 6" underdrain; 14 EA 24" diameter manhole; 18 EA 48" diameter manhole; 7 EA 60" diameter manhole; 4 EA 72" diameter manhole; 2 EA 72" diameter manhole, modified; 3,700 LFT ditching; detention pond grading; 5,750 SYD HMA base crushing and shaping; 15,100 SYD pavement removal; 2,420 TON HMA, 13A; 1,450 TON HMA, 36A; 600 TON HMA Approach; 200 SYD concrete pavement; 5,960 LFT concrete curb and gutter; 3,150 HMA curb; 9,200 SFT concrete sidewalk; 240 SYD riprap; Traffic Control; and various appurtenances. In addition, Drain Crossings shall be installed at the following locations:

1. Station 27+05, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
2. Station 27+80, Private Crossing, 80 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
3. Station 29+15, Private Crossing, 40 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
4. Station 30+70, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
5. Station 37+00, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
6. Station 38+70, Private Crossing, 24 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
7. Station 43+10, Private Crossing, 24 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
8. Station 43+35, Private Crossing, 44 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
9. Station 86+45, Private Crossing, 40 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
10. Station 88+85, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
11. Station 89+05, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
12. Station 89+75, Park Street Crossing, 32 LFT of 15" Culv, Cl E, Conc

Part 2 – City Improvements

Includes approximately 5 LFT 4" water main; 60 LFT 6" water main; 2,650 LFT 8" water main; 1,100 LFT 12" water main; 36 EA 1" water service connections; 2 EA 2" water service connections; 1,450 LFT 1" water service pipe within right-of-way; 50 LFT 2" water service pipe within right-of-way; 1,450 LFT 1" water service pipe within private property; 50 LFT 2" water service pipe within private property; 38 EA meter pit; 3,530 LBS compact ductile iron fittings; 35 building reconnections within private property; and various appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Wightman & Associates, Inc., 433 East Ransom Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007, Attn: Samuel Leatch, P.E., 269-487-9106, sleatch@gowightman.com.

Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number #160065. A contractor may view the Bidding Documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder. To be considered a plan holder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the Bidding Documents in digital form at a cost of $30.00. Registering as a plan holder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as plan holders will receive automatic notice of addenda and other Bidding Document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and online bid submittal questions. For this project, bids will only be received and accepted via electronic bid submittal through QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on May 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The meeting materials and call in number will be distributed to all plan holders prior to the pre-bid conference.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work and meeting all conditions represented in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids should it consider the same to be in the best interest of the South Watervliet Drain #485 or the County of Berrien.

DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: June 16, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Berrien County Administration Center
Board of Commissioners Room
701Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
OR ALTERNATIVELY
Remote Electronic Access
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

The Drain Commissioner intends to hold an in-person Day of Review at the location stated above. However, due to the ongoing corona virus public health crisis, the Day of Review will alternatively be held through remote electronic access, as provided in this Notice, if public gatherings are unable be held due to federal, state, or local orders, laws, regulations, and guidelines. Prior to the Day of Review, you may contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the above number or visit its website at http://www.berriencounty.org/1475/Meeting-Notices to confirm whether the Day of Review will be held in-person or remotely.

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Day of Review may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Day of Review by telephone.

Prior to the Day of Review:

- You should visit the Drain Commissioner's website for more information regarding the Day of Review, including a map of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions, proposed apportionment roll, and updates on whether the meeting will be held in-person or electronically.
- If the Day of Review is being held electronically, you should also download the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Day of Review. You may submit questions and comments prior to the Day of Review by calling the Drain Commissioner's Office at (269) 932-0569.
- Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

On the Day of Review:

- The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.
- To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Day of Review through the following link: https://zoom.us/j/99398076915.
- If prompted the meeting is 993 9807 6915.
- For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: 1 (312) 626-6799.
- Once individuals have joined the Day of Review electronically, the Drain Commissioner will provide further information about procedures for participation.
- The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

After the Day of Review:

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Berrien County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

The following entities will receive at-large assessments: Michigan Department of Transportation, City of Watervliet, & Watervliet Charter Township.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of lands constituting the Special Assessment District of the South Watervliet Drain:

City of Watervliet, T03S, R17W
Sections 26-27 & 23
Watervliet Charter Township, T03S, R17W
Sections 26 & 27

Dated: April 28, 2020

Christopher J. Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

Shelly Solomon via AP

From left, siblings Steve Turner, Carla Paull and Lisa Fishman hold up a Mother's Day banner emblazoned with images of their mom, Beverly Turner, in front of her assisted living facility in Ladue, Mo., on May 3. They were "practicing" how their surprise will look on Mother's Day as their mother peers down from a window.

Mother's Day this year means getting creative from afar

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Treats made and delivered by neighbors. Fresh garden plantings dug from a safe 6 feet away. Trips around the world set up room-to-room at home.

Mother's Day this year is a mix of love and extra imagination as families do without their usual brunches and huggy meet-ups.

As the pandemic persists in keeping families indoors or a safe social distance apart, online searches have increased for creative ways to still make moms feel special.

Absent help from schools and babysitters, uninitiated dads are on homemade craft duty with the kids. Other loved ones are navigating around no-visitor rules at hospitals and senior-living facilities.

Some medical facilities are pitching in by collecting voice and video recordings from locked-out relatives when patients are unable to manage the technology on their own.

In suburban St. Louis, Steve Turner and his family hope to FaceTime with his 96-year-old mother, Beverly, but they plan something more, too. Her birthday coincides with Mother's Day this year.

"We're going to create a big Mother's Day-birthday banner signed by the kids and grandkids who live here," Turner said. "She loves butterflies and we'll draw some on. We're working with the home to find a place where we can stand outside a window so she can see us."

Anna Francese Gass in New Canaan, Connecticut, is hunkered down with her husband and three children and will enjoy her usual Mother's Day breakfast in bed of rubbery eggs, slightly burnt toast and VERY milky coffee. But the day won't include her own mom, who lives nearby.

"I ordered a bunch of daffodil and tulip bulbs online, and me and the kids are planning to plant them in her flowerbed. She can supervise from the window. I just know it will put a huge smile on her face," Francese Gass said.

In Alameda, California, 23-year-old Zaria Zinn is sheltering at home with her parents and younger sister. Knowing how much their mother loves and misses traveling, they're turning their house and neighborhood into a trip around the world with help from decorations and virtual tours online.

"We made a DIY passport for her and we're creating stamps for each location," she said.

Their itinerary: Machu Picchu, Paris and Iceland, with some DIY spa time and a Hollywood-style movie night.

Making the most of Mother's Day in isolation is top of mind for Google search users. The company said the term "Mother's Day gifts during quarantine" recently spiked by 600 percent in the U.S. Among Pinterest's 335 million users, searches for "Mother's Day at home" have jumped by 2,971 percent, the company said.

In Rochester, New York, Melissa Mueller-Douglas and her 7-year-old daughter, Nurah, had planned to get together with mom and daughter friends at a hotel for a Mother's Day sleepover. When it was canceled because of the pandemic, they got busy on Pinterest searching for ideas to bring the party home, just the two of them.

They have eye masks with rhinestones to decorate, thread for mother-daughter bracelets, instant film for a photo shoot and a chocolate fountain purchased at Walmart. Dad and Nurah's 3-year-old brother will paint together downstairs after a mom-son bike ride earlier in the day.

"We've repurposed a shimmery tablecloth and made giant flowers out of tissue paper for a photo shoot backdrop. We'll be creating a secret handshake and writing in top secret journals to each other," Mueller-Douglas said. "We're calling it The Best Day Ever Slumber Party."

Kayla Hockman, 26, in Los Angeles has been worried about her 77-year-old grandmother in Fontana, California, about 50 miles away. Usually, she and her sister treat her and their mom to brunch or an adventure out.

"My grandma's been quite depressed lately since she hasn't left her house in two months, and she's slowly losing hope," Hockman said. "She and my grandpa have a lot of problems with walking now. This whole thing of not being able to see anyone has been really taking a hard toll on them."

To cheer her up, they're planning a party on her lawn.

"It's going to be a surprise pop-up Mother's Day brunch with 'momosas' and painting," Hockman said. "We're going to set it up for all of us to paint a sunflower, her absolute favorite. She'll paint on her porch and we'll be on the lawn, all 6 feet apart."

Willie Greer in Memphis thought food, enlisting the help of a neighbor to make his mom's recipe for pecan pie and deliver it to her in Dallas to brighten her isolation Mother's Day. He said the neighbor was happy to do it after he sent her the recipe.

"My siblings and I will also create a 'thank you' video for mom. Since we can't all be together, each of us will record a short message and at the end we'll all sing 'A Mother's Love' by Gena Hill," he said. "I'm pretty sure this is the part where my mom cries her eyes out."

These days, virtual experiences are all we have, so Lisa Hill in Portland, Oregon, decided to embrace that notion for her 79-year-old mom in Stuart, Florida, after she met a cooking instructor while volunteering to prepare meals at a shelter.

Hill has been cooking alongside Lauren Chandler, who has taken her usual in-home cooking sessions online with a twist: She's throwing in a free 45-minute session for clients to donate.

"I feel so far away from her. I can't cook for her. I can't visit," Hill said. "She's nervous about everything going on right now and it will be a good social interaction."

OBITUARIES

Charles 'Art' Arthur Bennett

March 21, 1922 – May 4, 2020

Charles "Art" Arthur Bennett, 98, of Geneva Township passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, peacefully in his home.

He was born March 21, 1922, to Wilbur and Celesta J. (Merriman) Bennett in South Haven. He graduated with the class of 1940 from South Haven High School. Art served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He married Elizabeth M. Kozel on June 28, 1947, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bangor and they shared 64 years of marriage before her passing. Art worked at Everett Piano in South Haven from 1947 to 1986 before his retirement. He also owned and operated their family farm. He was a member of St. Basil Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Art was a very capable man, having built his own home and farm buildings. He and Mary always had a large and beautiful vegetable garden from which they pickled and canned and froze most of their produce. Art and Mary also made time to have fun with their friends, doing things like polka dancing. In his later years, Art enjoyed overseeing his family's endeavors in farming and building, visiting with family and friends, listening to old country music and watching the news. Art's grandchildren fondly remember that Grandpa took them fishing, made them a sandbox and got them chickens just because they wanted them. He let them collect tadpoles, taught them to make cucumber boats and helped them make bows and arrows that they shot off the deck. Grandpa Bennett was warm and welcoming to all, and the grandchildren's friends even called him Grandpa.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Bennett; brothers, Erwin and Loren Bennett; and sisters, Beatrice Funk and Marian Farrell.

Art is survived by his children, Carol (Barry) Nelson of Hartford and Rob (Kathy) Bennett of South Haven; grandchildren: Cal (Lyndsey), Matthew (Jacquelyn) and Lauren Bennett (Mike), Chad Nelson (Julie) and Kate Nelson (Shane); and great-grandchildren, Simon and Sabrina. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, loving neighbors and his McDonald's coffee friends.

Private family services will be held. Art will be laid to rest in Monks Cemetery in Geneva Township. Memorials may be made in Charles Arthur Bennett's name to Michigan Flywheeler's Museum at 06285 68th St., South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Wayne Edwin Metcalf

March 1, 1940 – May 2, 2020

Wayne Edwin Metcalf, 80, of St. Joseph went to sleep with Jesus peacefully on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services and interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Marie Yeager Cancer Center or the Stevensville Seventh-day Adventist Church Benevolent Fund. Those wishing to leave a condolence for Wayne's family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Wayne was born March 1, 1940, in Akron, Ohio, to Dallas and Margaret (Alan) Metcalf. A 1958 graduate of Central High School in Akron, Wayne went on to study at Andrews University for several years. In 1966 he married the love of his life, Dianne (Fuller) Metcalf on June 12, in Ohio. Wayne had an affinity for collecting birds of prey figurines and had quite an extensive collection. He also enjoyed working in his yard, which he took great pride in.

As a 45-year employee of Goodyear, one highlight in Wayne's life was the time he got to ride in the Goodyear blimp; it was a source of great joy for him. He also enjoyed TV classics like "Gunsmoke," snow camping, his Pathfinder club and NASCAR. He served seven years as a Silver Beach Carousel volunteer and worked for Martin's Supermarket in St. Joseph, where he made many friends. Wayne will best be remembered by his easy-going, do-anything attitude. Most of all, he loved his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Wayne will be missed by his wife, Dianne Metcalf; his children, Peggy (Raul) Banda and Ron Metcalf; his siblings, John Darryl (Pat) Metcalf and Donna Mae Hedderly; and his close friends, Randy and Diane Williams of Akron; his Martin's family; and his church families at Seventh-day Adventist in St. Joseph and Akron.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Mattie Irene Whitright

Nov. 19, 1940 – April 30, 2020

Mattie Irene Whitright, 79, of Stevensville passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Cremation services have taken place. A graveside service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org. Those wishing to leave a condolence for Mattie's family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Mattie was born Nov. 19, 1940, in Truman, Ark., to Conrid and LaDell (Cassiday) Tucker. She married Howard William Whitright at 23, and lived the rest of her life in Southwestern Michigan. Mattie was a licensed nurse practitioner for over 30 years; her work was her life and she did it well. But more importantly, Mattie loved her family and friends and they will miss her dearly.

Mattie is survived by her children, Howard (Gene) Whitright and Irieta (Bill Martin) Badgwell; four grandchildren; and her sister, Elizabeth Price of Harrisburg, Ark.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Howard William Whitright; 10 siblings; and her parents.

We wish Mattie Godspeed and that the wind would always be at her back.

Death notices

Charles "Art" Arthur Bennett, 98, of Geneva Township died Mary 4, 2020, at home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

James Dahlke, 69, of St. Joseph died May 5, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Martha Holloway, 94, of Benton Harbor died May 1, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Willie "Big Marvin" Hoyle, 73, of Benton Harbor died May 3, 2020, at Medilodge, Kalamazoo. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Donald P. Kemp, 84, of Stevensville died May 4, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Georgia M. (Williams) Kirby, 92, of Benton Harbor died April 25, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Wayne E. Metcalf, 80, of St. Joseph died May 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bonna Jean Vanderlyn, 88, of Hartford died May 5, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Maria Cristina Acevedo Vasquez, 43, of Hartford Township died May 4, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Mattie I. Whitright, 79, of Stevensville died April 30, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Georgia Mae (Williams) Kirby

July 6, 1927 – April 25, 2020

Georgia Mae Kirby was born July 6, 1927, in Earle, Ark., to Wash Williams and Agnes (Washington) Williams. Later in life she relocated to Poplar Bluff, Mo., spending many years there until relocating to Benton Harbor in 1967. Georgia held multiple jobs, including the local hospital, V-M Corp and Sanitary Cleaners, but enjoyed none more than her role as a foster grandparent with BHAS. Georgia enjoyed cooking and baking from scratch.

Georgia founded a gospel group, the Freewill Gospel Singers (now The Faithful Travelers). She was a devoted Christian with a zero-tolerance attitude and did not play.

Georgia had 15 children to cherish her memories. She leaves behind sons: Lawrence Bell, Samuel Williams, Terry Williams, Michael Kirby and Calvin Smith; daughters: Ruthie (Mark) McClinton, Margaret Cross, Diane (Jeff) Clark, Vera Davis and Regina Kirby; siblings, Wallace, Pearline and Rosie Williams; 42 grandchildren; 77 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; special friends, Iris "Peggy" Melvin, Velma Shaw, Eddie Mae "Tiny" Atkins and Dorothy McComb; godchildren, Marilyn (Crayton) Sanders and Ruthie Davis; and many other family and friends who will mourn and remember the life of Georgia.

Georgia was preceded in death by her children, Steve Kirby, James Baker, Larry Baker Sr. and Mary Kirby; siblings: Walter, Arthur, Jake, Willie, Robert and Sadie Williams; brother-in-law, Otis Williams; sister-in-law, Mary Williams; granddaughter, Mikela Kirby; and great-grandchildren, Tamera Williams and Lillian Dennis.

A private service will be held for the immediate family.

Donald Peter Kemp

April 17, 1936 – May 4, 2020

Donald Peter Kemp, 84, of Stevensville passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at home, with family by his side. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at a later date, with interment in Hickory Bluff Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Aid of Southwestern Michigan or the charity of your choice.

Donald was born to Charles Donald and Blanche Gertrude (Gruber) Kemp on April 17, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, and was raised in Rossford, Ohio. He graduated from Rossford High School in 1954. He attended Purdue University, University of Toledo (BS in mechanical engineering) and Notre Dame University (MBA). He married Janet Rager in 1958.

In 1971, the family moved to Stevensville, where he was employed by Gast Manufacturing Corp. as an engineer. He volunteered with Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers, St. Joseph Catholic Church and Lakeshore Band Boosters. He was a member of the Rossford Board of Education and was a volunteer firefighter with Rossford and Perrysburg Township Fire Departments. He was a licensed professional engineer.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Janet; and by his parents.

He is survived by his children, Victoria (Gary) Harms of Albuquerque, N.M., Lynn (Steve) Hall of Corydon, Ind., Brian Kemp of Indianapolis, and Sandra Kemp of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Jessica Gardea, Heather Hall, Christopher Harms and Mark Harms; brother, David (Elizabeth) Kemp of Glouchester, Va.; and sister, Barbara Kemp of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Martha Holloway

May 29, 1925 – May 1, 2020

Martha Holloway, 94, of Benton Harbor, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center.

A celebration of life graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 8, at North Shore Memory Gardens, 5027 M-63, Coloma, with Bishop LeRoy Lane officiating. In respect for social distancing, please remain in your vehicles during the graveside service.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

It's been a rough year since the Rev. Richard Rossiter announced to his congregation at the Coloma United Methodist Church that to be true to himself and God he must accept his homosexuality. He survived a removal effort, the loss of 25 percent of his congregation members, and landed in the middle of the debate of Christianity and homosexuality. "Having a year under my belt, it feels good," he said, relaxed during a recent interview in his church office.

35 years ago – 1985

Dr. Richard Greenwood was installed as the new senior minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Joseph, yesterday at the church. Greenwood came to St. Joseph from Lowell where he had served as pastor of the First Congregational Church since 1974. He was a youth minister at Hyde Park Union Church, Chicago, while completing his graduate work. He is a native of Chicago and received his doctor of religion degree form Chicago Theological Seminary in 1970.

50 years ago – 1970

Arnold Strauss, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Strauss of St. Joseph, has been selected to serve an internship in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis. Strauss will receive his doctor of medicine degree in June. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1962 and received his bachelor's degree in 1966 from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 127th day of 2020. There are 239 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 6, 1915, Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox.

On this date:

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia ended with a Confederate victory over Union forces.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating under an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, New Jersey; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Comedian Bob Hope did his first USO show before an audience of servicemen as he broadcast his radio program from March Field in Riverside, California.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Few Showers
51°	42°	49° / 39°	43° / 36°	47° / 37°	50° / 41°

Local Outlook

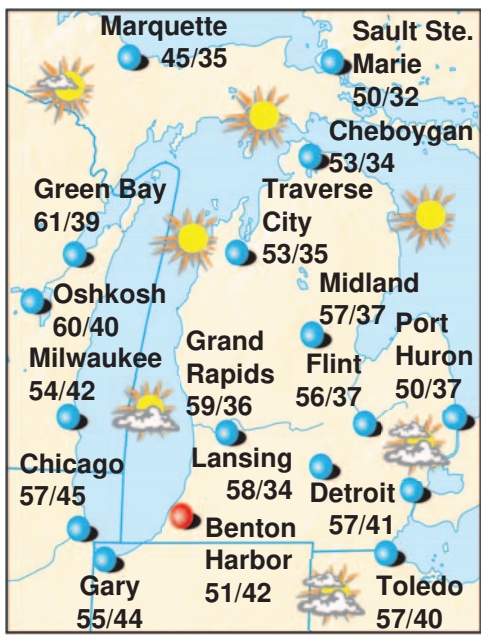
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 51°, humidity of 46%. South southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 42°. West wind 2 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	8:50 p.m.
Moonrise	8:05 p.m.
Moonset	6:21 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
5/7	5/14	5/22	5/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	48°
Low	41°
Normal High	67°
Normal Low	45°
Record High	83° in 2000
Record Low	34° in 2011

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.06"
Month to date	0.06"
Normal for month	0.69"
Year to date	12.30"
Normal Year to date	9.87"

Air Quality

Yesterday 39

Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is ombrophobia?

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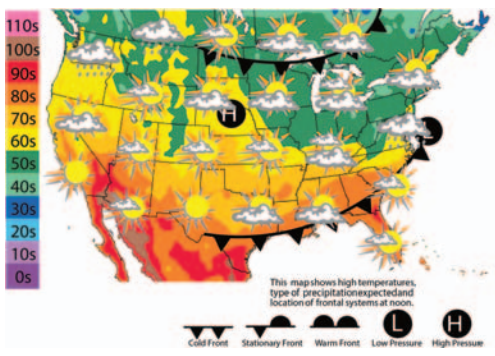
Answer: Ombrophobia is the fear of rain.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 6, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NNE wind 7 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, W wind 5 to 7 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 40s and 50s. Northwest wind 5 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West northwest wind 3 to 15 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s. South southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 40s and 50s. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

'Murder Hornets,' with sting that can kill, land in U.S.

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The world's largest hornet, a 2-inch killer dubbed the "Murder Hornet" with an appetite for honey bees, has been found in Washington state, where entomologists were making plans to wipe it out.

The giant Asian insect, with a sting that could be fatal to some people, is just now starting to emerge from winter hibernation.

"They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face," said Susan Cobey, a bee breeder at Washington State University.

"It's a shockingly large hornet," said Todd Murray, a WSU Extension entomologist and invasive species specialist. "It's a health hazard, and more importantly, a significant predator of honey bees."

The hornet was sighted for the first time in the U.S. last December, when the state Department of Agriculture verified two reports near Blaine, Washington, close to the Canadian border. It also received two probable, but unconfirmed reports from sites in Custer, Washington, south of Blaine.

The hornet can sting through most beekeeper suits, deliver nearly seven times the amount of venom as a honey bee, and sting multiple times, the department said, adding that it ordered special reinforced suits from China.

The university said it isn't known how or where the hornets arrived in North America. It normally lives in the forests and low mountains of eastern and southeast Asia and feeds on large insects, including wasps and bees. It was dubbed the "Murder Hornet" in Japan, where it is known to kill people.

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An Asian giant hornet from Japan is displayed at the Washington state Department of Agriculture on Monday.

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